

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 858

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jerome Payne Hurst of Henderson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Jerome Payne Hurst; and

WHEREAS, Jerome Hurst was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of William Houston and Fannie Ozelle Hatch Hurst, Jerome Hurst was born on February 28, 1935, in the Woodville community of Chester County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurst attended Chester County schools and entered the United States Air Force in 1955, honorably serving his country until his discharge in 1959; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Jerome Hurst married Evelyn Terry Hurst, and the couple settled in Henderson, where they shared many happy years before her passing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurst worked at Brown Shoe Company for a few years before joining the City of Henderson Police Department in 1971; he retired as the department's chief of police in 1997 after twenty-six years of service and then worked part time in the security department at Freed-Hardeman University; and

WHEREAS, Jerome Hurst was an active and devout member of First Baptist Church of Henderson, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurst was the proud father of Jeremy (Miranda) Hurst, Sheila (Jerry) Cloud, and Tina (Brad) Graves; the devoted grandfather of Adam (Hayley) Cloud, Cody Cloud,

Heath (Lauren) Graves, Madison (Kyle) Balding, Mia Hurst, and Colton Hurst; the treasured great-grandfather of Karver Balding, Sadie Cloud, and Caroline Cloud; and the beloved brother of Linda Rowland; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife and his parents, Jerome Hurst was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Mallerie Graves, and a sister, Louise Thomas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurst leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Jerome Payne Hurst, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Hurst.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.